

REMARKS

In supplement to the Preliminary Amendment filed January 12, 2004, entry of this supplemental amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 19, 24 and 27 have been cancelled, without prejudice to the Applicants' right to proceed with the subject matter of these claims at a later time. Also by the present amendment, claims 5, 10, 12, 20-23, 25, 26 and 28 have each been written into independent form to incorporate the subject matter of their respective parent claims. The other original claims in this application depend from these newly formed independent claims. Also by the present amendment, the Abstract has been amended to comply with the one paragraph requirement set forth in 37 CFR § 1.72. Also, minor amendments have been made for improving the idiomatic expression of the Abstract.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments and examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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